

Proclamation

- Whereas,** over thirty countries worldwide have holidays celebrating trees; and
- Whereas,** in the United States, Arbor Day was founded in 1872 and is celebrated to encourage Americans to maintain and replenish our country's vast forests, orchards, and woodlands. National Arbor Day is on the last Friday in April, however, many states observe Arbor Day on a different day when it is the best time to plant trees in their state; and
- Whereas,** in California, Arbor Day, which was celebrated this year on March 7-14, is in honor of the late Luther Burbank's birthday, a California horticulturalist whose life's labor produced hundreds of plants and trees that have contributed to the natural splendor and food production in our state; and
- Whereas,** the City of Alameda is improving our community by planting trees and working to improve the quality of life in Alameda; and
- Whereas,** trees are a valuable economic asset in our city that help maintain or increase property values and attract new businesses and residents; and
- Whereas,** trees play an important role in energy conservation by moderating temperature extremes with shade and humidity; and are important in reducing the amount of energy consumed in heating and cooling buildings and homes; and
- Whereas,** trees planted in urban areas play a significant role in meeting California's greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets by sequestering carbon, i.e., converting and storing carbon dioxide; and
- Whereas,** trees provide essential habitat for much of California's wildlife, including many listed, threatened, and endangered species; and
- Whereas,** the City of Alameda will celebrate Arbor Week from April 22-28, 2017, and will sponsor a Celebrate Trees Day on Friday, April 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in the parking strip on the west side of Fernside Boulevard across from Lincoln Middle School between San Jose Avenue and Encinal Avenue.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2017 as

Arbor Day Alameda 2017

and invite all Alameda residents, businesses, civic groups, government agencies, and other organizations to observe and celebrate by planting trees for our benefit and the benefit of future generations.


Trish Herrera Spencer
Mayor